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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Buysse et al.

Examiner: Roy D. Gibson

Serial No.: 10/736,180

Group: Art Unit 3739

Filed: December 15, 2003

Dated: May 3, 2005

For: BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT
FOR SEALING VESSELSMail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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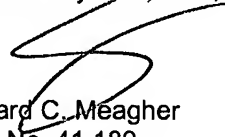
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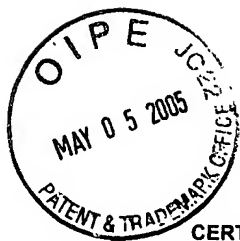


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GROUP : 3739

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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MAIL STOP: Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of April 4, 2005, reconsideration of the claims with respect to the present application are requested in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.